

**REMARKS**

Claims 21, 22, 24, 26-28, 30, 32, 41 and 42 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 21, 27, 28, 30 and 32 are amended. Claims 41 and 42 are added. Claims 25, 31, 33, 34 and 38-40 are canceled. Claim 21 and 27 are amended to incorporate the feature of claims 25 and 31, respectively. Claims 30 and 32 are amended to recite "[a] non-transitory computer readable storage medium." Support for the new claims may be found in at least page 9, lines 1-12 and Figs. 3 and 4. No new matter is added. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and prompt allowance of the pending claims at least in light of the following remarks.

The courtesies extended to Applicants' representative by Examiner Payer at the interview held June 21, are appreciated. The reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action are incorporated into the remarks below, which constitute Applicants' record of the interview.

Claims 21, 22, 24-28, 30-34 and 38-40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0143012 (Block) in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0082892 (Raffel). As claims 25, 31, 33, 34 and 38-40 are canceled, Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of claims 21, 22, 24, 26-28 30 and 32.

As Examiner Payer agreed at the interview, Block and Raffel (and Schlank) fail to disclose "wherein the separation condition in the character string indicates the separating points in the character string and a characters and/or symbol represented by the separation condition itself is printed in ink on the labels," as recited in claims 21 and 27.

Thus, claims 21 and 27 are patentable over Block and Raffel (and Schlank). Further, claims 22, 24, 26, 28, 30 and 32 (and new claims 41 and 42) are patentable for at least the same reasons, as well as for the additional features they recite. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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